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Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

Clem Yeobright returns home to Egdon Heath, a scattered collection of houses on the isolated Wessex moors, and is caught up in a "love pentagon" which includes his cousin, Thomasin Yeobright; the shadowy inn-keeper, Damon Wildeve; the controversial and romantic Eustacia Vye; and the mysterious reddleman, Diggory Venn, whose skin is stained completely red from his work. This novel has all the well-known marks of Thomas Hardy: the Wessex landscape, a choice of lovers, a wedding gone wrong, a particularly shy 30-something man, and a woman with an independent spirit. But *The Return of the Native* is unique in its pagan undertones - the first five books take place over a year and a day, starting on All Hallow's Eve, and hints of magic and witchcraft.

Narrator: *Bob Neufeld*
 Clym Yeobright: *Tadhg*
 Eustacia Vye: *Amanda Friday*
 Damon Wildeve: *Chris Cartwright*
 Thomasin Yeobright: *Rapunzelina*
 Diggory Venn: *Chuck Williamson*
 Mrs. Yeobright: *Michele Eaton*
 Grandfer Cantle and "Saint George": *alanmapstone*
 Timothy Fairway: *tovarisch*
 Humphrey, Bonfire Boy, Party Guest,
 Raffle Woman, Inn Girl and Rachel: *Elizabeth Klett*

Olly Dowden and Charley: *Charlotte Duckett*
 Susan Nunsuch: *Beth Thomas*
 Christian Cantle: *TriciaG*
 Sam: *ToddHW*
 Captain Vye, "Doctor", Driver, and
 Pedlar: *Patti Cunningham*
 Johnny Nunsuch: *CaprishaPage*
 Vye Servant and "Saracen": *Libby Gohn*
 "Father Christmas": *David Olson*
 "Valiant Soldier": *Kristingj*
 Chapman and Surgeon: *Karen Savage*
 Nurse: *Availle*

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